

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method and apparatus for editing an image while maintaining  
 codestream size is described. In one embodiment, the method comprises  
 determining a portion of a codestream to edit, decoding the portion of the  
 5 codestream, performing an edit to the decoded portion of the codestream,  
 recompressing edited data into coded data, and generating a replacement  
 portion for the portion of the codestream by making size of the replacement  
 portion equal to size of the portion of the codestream by adding padding to  
 the replacement tile if the replacement tile is smaller than the portion of the  
 10 codestream or quantizing the replacement tile if the replacement tile is larger  
 than the portion of the codestream.